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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

McGINNIS et al.

Serial No.: 09/877,525

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
INCREASING THE DEVICE COUNT
ON A SINGLE ATA BUS

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

) Group Art Unit: 2181

) Examiner:

) REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of one (1) month to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed on August 6, 2001, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from October 6, 2001, to November 6, 2001.

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